

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 77-226 are pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has alleged that there are two distinct inventions in the above-identified patent application and has required restriction to one of those inventions. The two inventions are:

Group I: Claims 77-85 and 148, drawn to process of forming a patterned layer, classified in class 438, subclass 677.

Group II: Claims 86-147 and 149-226, drawn to a lithography apparatus, classified in class 378, subclass 122.

Applicants' Election

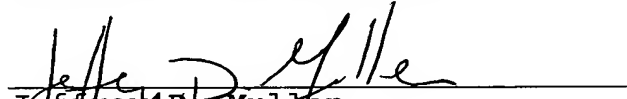
Applicant elects, with traverse, for examination in this application, the invention of Group II (claims 86-147 and 149-226). Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the invention of Group I (claims 77-85 and 148) in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

Conclusion

Applicant has elected for examination a single species of the claimed invention as required by the Examiner. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees due in connection with this paper, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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